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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Matsumura et al.

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Examiner: Joseph H. Nguyen

For: LED LAMP

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse for prosecution on the merits the invention of Species 1 (Figures 3-6) upon which at least claims 1-3, 11-16, and 22-25 are readable. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Election of Species Requirement for the following reasons. Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-3 and 11-25 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and examination of the entire application could be performed without serious burden.

M.P.E.P. § 803 clearly states that "[i]f the search and examination of the entire